

Schlaud, Marian Somerville, and Sue Fish—Athletic Trainers Mike Kohler and Brian Curtis and Team Managers Jacqueline Ken and Ali Ruhlman.

Great job North Branch on a successful season and I look forward to a repeat in 2010! Go Broncos!

#### A TRIBUTE TO REGINA MAINOR

### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Regina Mainor. For years, Ms. Mainor has served the people of Philadelphia as the Director of North Central Victim Services. In December she will celebrate her retirement after many years of service to her community.

Regina Mainor was a hard worker from the beginning, obtaining her Bachelors Degree in Business Education and Masters Degree in Social Work from Temple University. Ms. Mainor obtained a position as Director of North Central Victims Services in 1999, and becoming Executive Director of the agency in 2002. The National Crime Victimization Services (NCVS) is a neighborhood victim service agency which specializes in working with victims of all ages, especially seniors. The NCVS provides crime victims compensation, crisis response, education, counseling, criminal justice/legal advocacy, court accompaniment, case management, and legal services, all of which are free of charge. Ms. Mainor helped the NCVS to get recognized as a federal non profit organization in 2002.

Ms. Mainor has been recognized by the NAACP with the NAACP Award for Community Service, and she was honored again in 2006 for the National Crime Victims Services Award for Professional Innovation in Victims Services.

Regina Mainor's long and impressive career showcases her commitment and service to her community. Her contributions to the area of Victim Services will be felt for many years to come. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking Regina Mainor for her work and congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement.

#### CONGRATULATING HERMAN AND MARJORIE WILLIAMS ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my esteemed colleague from Maryland, ELIJAH CUMMINGS, in order to congratulate Herman and Marjorie Williams of Baltimore, Maryland, as they celebrate sixty years of marriage. Since they exchanged their vows on November 24, 1949, these high school sweethearts have been extraordinary parents, friends, and members of their community.

Over the decades of their marriage, they contended against racism and segregation as

they pursued their careers, Herman as one of the first black firefighters in Baltimore and Marjorie at Westinghouse. Their commitment to hard work and to their family never wavered.

Herman eventually became the nation's first African-American major-city fire chief and Marjorie retired after a long and exemplary career. Even after her retirement, Marjorie has volunteered her time with many charitable organizations, dedicating herself to helping the less fortunate. Always an adventuresome spirit, she has also continued to pursue her love of travel.

The two of them together raised four wonderful and successful children: Marjorie, Clolita, Montel, and Herman. Marjorie and Herman have a fierce dedication to their family, and the values they instilled led their children to prominent careers in the arts, education, civil service, and broadcast media.

The Williams have been an inspiration to their friends, their family, to their community, and to everyone determined to triumph in the face of adversity.

On November 28, 2009, they celebrated their anniversary along with family and friends. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck as they continue to spend their lives loving and supporting each other and bringing joy and happiness to their family and friends.

#### IN MEMORY OF MRS. SARA BISSELL

### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of one of my constituents, Mrs. Sara Bissell, of Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. Bissell passed away after a brave 11-year battle with cancer on November 8, 2009 at the age of 71. Born in Charlotte and the granddaughter of former North Carolina Governor Cameron Morrison, Mrs. Bissell attended Charlotte Country Day School and graduated from Bennett Junior College in New York.

Mrs. Bissell took over her mother's fine furnishing store in 1964 and ran it until recently. Her interior design influence can be seen throughout Charlotte's buildings and landmarks. Sara's contributions to her community were many and varied. She worked tirelessly, both out front and behind the scenes, to make Charlotte a better place. She served on the board of directors for Charlotte Country Day School, University of North Carolina—Charlotte, YMCA of Greater Charlotte, and Queens University. The Chancellor's residence at UNCC is named in her honor.

Sara married H.C. "Smoky" Bissell, a successful developer, in 1960. Together they had four children and nine grandchildren whom they loved and cherished. She was also the sister of Charlotte businessmen, Johnny and Cameron Harris. Mrs. Bissell will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the Charlotte community.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, this morning our national debt was \$12,089,226,465,642.57.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,450,800,719,348.77 so far this year.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the forecast deficit for this year is \$1.6 trillion. That means that so far this year, we borrowed and spent an average \$4.4 billion a day more than we have collected, passing that debt and its interest payments to our children and all future Americans.

#### HONORING DR. AIDA LEVITAN, EMILIO ESTEFAN AND DR. EDUARDO PADRON: SOUTH FLORIDA MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO COMMISSION

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize several outstanding individuals from my South Florida community who have been named to serve on the National Museum of the American Latino Commission: President of Hispanic Events Dr. Aida Levitan, world-renowned musician and producer Emilio Estefan and Dr. Eduardo Padron, President of Miami-Dade College.

The Commission is charged with the planning, construction and design of the museum. The Commission's members will also help formulate the museum's organizational structure and how to engage the Hispanic community in its development and design.

These individuals are not only dedicated to the mission of making a National Museum of the American Latino a reality, but they are also representative of the great diversity of the Hispanic community that the museum will showcase.

The story and history of Hispanic-Americans is part of the rich tapestry of this nation's history. Hispanics have enriched our great nation in a myriad of ways. Hispanics have served proudly in America's defense from the American Revolution to our current engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan. The number of Hispanic-owned businesses approached 3 million in 2008 and they contribute approximately \$389 billion dollars annually to the U.S. economy.

The Hispanic-American experience is part and parcel of the American story. I will be honored to join these talented men and women tomorrow with the rest of the members of the Commission. Through their efforts, Americans from all walks of life will one day be able to see and appreciate the contributions of Hispanic-Americans to our great nation.